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WATER SUPPLY IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent `World Development Report, 2004` of the World Bank evaluating the water supply in the developing countries stating that Delhi`s water supply is the worst among the big cities of the developing world;

(b) if so, the salient features of the findings of the World Bank regarding the city`s water supply position as compared to the major developing cities in the world; and

(c) the reaction of the Government with regard thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(c): The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that they are aware of the `World Development Report, 2004`. As per this Report Delhi gets on an average 4 hours per day water supply and has 30% unaccounted for water. The Report also shows that Karachi has minimum supply hours i.e. 3 hours per day and Phnome Penh has maximum unaccounted for water i.e. about 60%.

As far as Delhi is concerned, it has a population of about 140 lac and Delhi Jal Board is producing/supplying about 675 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) water from all its sources. To further enhance production/improvement of water supply, following measures/steps have been taken:-

1. 140 MGD Water Treatment Plant (WTP) at Sonia Vihar is ready for commissioning and is awaiting raw water from Tehri Dam.

2. Construction of parallel lined channel from Munak to Haiderpur in a length of 102 Km. to save the seepage losses in conveyance system. Approximately 80 MGD water will be saved. Delhi Jal Board proposed to set up following Water Treatment Plants from this water:-

i) Bawana 20 MGD
ii) Dwarka 40 MGD
iii) Okhla 20 MGD

3. Installation of 100 tube wells in Palla area. About 70 tube wells have already been installed and commissioned.

4. Steps have been taken to implement a project of provision of Universal 24 x 7 safe water supply and sewerage services i.e. providing water supply for 24 hours, 7 days a week, instead of present intermittent supply prevailing almost in all parts of Delhi. To begin with, it has been decided to take up Phase-I of the above programme in 2 Zones i.e. South-II and South-III and then roll out to other zones progressively on the basis of its experience.